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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: POSSIBLE CREDENTIAL
PROBLEMS

REF: A) GENEVA 784; B) STATE 28344

1. PERSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REF B, WE INFORMED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CASTANEDA ABOUT POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO GOES CREDENTIALS. CASTANEDA SUSPECTS THAT CHALLENGE MAY BE BASED ON FACT THAT HE, AS ACTING MINISTER ("ENCARGADO DEL DESPACHO"), SIGNED THE LETTER OF ACCREDITATION. CITING A PRECEDENT CASE IN THE RECENT PAST IN WHICH U, AFTER CONVINCING GOES ARGUMENT, ACCEPTED A SIMILAR LETTER SIGNED BY HIM, CASTANEDA INDICATED THAT IF THIS IS THE PROBLEM IN GENEVA, GOES SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY TURNING CHALLENGE ASIDE. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID HE WILL INSTRUCT ING. PONS, GOES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE, TO ASCERTAIN THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO GOES CREDENTIALS AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE APPROACHED CASTANEDA WITH
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RELUCTANCE AND SOME MISGIVINGS, BEARING IN MIND FOLLOWING CONSIDER-

ATIONS. OUR INTERJECTION IN AFORESAID MANNER APPEARS TO BE
INCONGRUENT WITH THE MATURE, NON-PATERNALISTIC APPROACH WE HAVE

AVOWED WE INTEND TO PURSUE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR AND
THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA. OUR ACTION, EVEN THOUGH DISCREET AND
LOW KEY, SEEMS TO HAVE US IMPLYING THAT THE HOST NATIONS ARE
INCOMPETENT IN HANDLING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT AT
MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE AND DIGNIFIED WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS MATTER
WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR US TO SUGGEST THAT THE FRIENDLY CHAIRMAN OF THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE DISCREETLY INFORM THE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATI-
VES ABOUT THE NATURE OF THEIR POTENTIAL CREDENTIALS PROBLEMS WITH
THE SUGGESTION THAT THEY TAKE THE REQUIRED ACTION REGULARIZE
THEIR STATUS.
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